

Subject: Fwd: Failure Notice

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

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Sent: Fri, May 26, 2023 3:01 pm

Subject: Failure Notice

Sorry, we were unable to deliver your message to the following address.

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I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed EV mandates here in DE. I note the reasons for my opposition:

- **They are unrealistic. DE does not have the electric grid that could support the rapid conversion to electric vehicles.** Our grid presently is teetering on the brink of collapse, especially in the southern area of DE with the rapid increase in development and population. It is also alarming that DE is quickly moving away from production of electricity by shuttering natural gas generators and nuclear production. In essence, DE's need electricity cannot be met by in-state production, leaving the state dependent on energy produced at great distances in other states. Simply, it is unwise policy, placing our people in grave danger, especially vulnerable to severe storms and hurricanes.
- **The switch to electric vehicles assumes that it will reduce carbon emissions, but it does not.** Electricity generation is not predominately carbon-free. It depends on how the electricity is generated..
- The vehicles are **greatly more expensive** than conventional vehicles. EV vehicles are significantly heavier than other cars on the road making **accidents more deadly**. They also will cause **greater wear on our roads and bridges**.
- There will be great **contamination from the batteries that will need to be disposed** in greater numbers. These batteries are not conducive to effective or clean recycling; we will be causing incalculable damage from polluting our land and water, the food we eat and the air we breathe.
- **Such mandates violate consumer choice.** If electric vehicles prove better than conventional vehicles, consumers will naturally gravitate to them. They should not rely on government subsidies to steer people to accept them. It would waste taxpayer funds, and will impose great economic hardship to people as the subsidies are phased out later.

I urge you not to impart these unwise and unrealistic mandates.

Kenneth Crump